(*b*) If so, what demand would be necessary to influence them to undertake this extension ;

(*c*) when such extension could be undertaken ;

(*d*) what charges would be made for power and whether there would be a sliding scale ; and

(*e*) what portion of the installation would be undertaken at Government's expense ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A minimum consumption of five million units per annum.

(*c*) As soon as the minimum consumption is guaranteed.

(*d*) No charge has yet been fixed ; but it will be possible to work out a tariff which will be attractive to the consumer and in this tariff a sliding scale will be provided.

(*e*) Government would undertake the main transmission line to the terminal station and the distribution of power from the station to the various factories will preferably be undertaken by a licensee.

Prescription of text-books for 1934—1935.

10. ***Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who prescribed the various text-books for use in the Vernacular and English Schools for the year 1934-35 ;

(*b*) whether text-books not approved by the Text-Book Committee have been prescribed ; if so, who was responsible for the selection ; what are those books and by whom were they written and published ;

(*c*) what was the principle followed in the matter of prescribing the various text-books ;

(*d*) what is the principle kept in view by the Education Department in prescribing a number of text-books for a particular class, leaving the choice of selection to the school masters of the various schools ; and

(*e*) what were the difficulties, if any, in prescribing the same set of text-books for any particular class in all the schools of the State ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) The Director of Public Instruction, with the approval of Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Suitability of the books.

(*d*) & (*e*) The member is referred to the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee Report in the matter.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, Sir, how many members are there in the Text-Book Committee?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Twenty-five.

Mr M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, Sir, how many copies of a book have to be sent to the Director of Public Instruction by an author or publisher who wishes to have the same prescribed as text-book?

Mr R. M. Statham: Four.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know how many of these books will be kept in the Director's Office and how many will be sent to the members of the Text-Book Committee for perusal?

Mr. R. M. Statham: They are forwarded to the Sub-Committees of the Text-book Committee and not to all members.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I, therefore, to understand, Sir, that all the books are not read and approved by all the members of the Committee?

Mr. R. M. Statham: No; it is impossible to have all books read by all the members. There is the matter of language.

Mr M N. Paramesvaran Pillai: After the approval by the Text-Book Committee, may I know who prescribes the text-books?

Mr. R. M Statham: The Government.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction has any hand in it?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes, he makes the recommendation to Government.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member how the present Director of Public Instruction was able to prescribe or make the necessary recommendations with regard to the books in the Vernacular languages?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Because he had assistants.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I to understand, Sir, that it was only the Assistants' recommendations that were forwarded to Government and not those of the Director of Public Instruction?

Mr. R. M. Statham: No, it was the Director's recommendation.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether books written by the members of the Text-Book Committee have been prescribed as text-books?

Mr. R. M. Statham: In some cases, yes.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know in how many cases ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: I want notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know on what basis the prices of these text-books are fixed by the Director and the Government ? Is it fixed on the basis of any remuneration that an author is able to make by the sale of the copyright of his book to a publisher or book-seller ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: There is not any exact basis. Sometimes the price put on the book is accepted. Sometimes, if it is too high, it is reduced.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether, in respect of text-books written in English, they have been prescribed by the Director of Public Instruction or whether the choice has been left to the Headmasters of the various schools ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: For the examination classes, the text books are prescribed by Government ; for ordinary classes, they are left to the choice of the Headmasters.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that since the choice thus left to the Headmasters, who were not able to exercise their option sufficiently early, the various booksellers in the State were not able to stock the necessary text-books and that in several schools the students have not been able to equip themselves with all the books necessary for their classes ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: So far, I have neither a report that the books are not available or that the students have no books.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether all the books approved by the Text-Book Committee have been published in the Gazette ?

Mr. R. M. Statham: Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Then may I know whether there are any books prescribed which have not been so published in the Gazette?

Mr. R. M. Statham: No book has been prescribed which has not been approved by the Text-Book Committee and published in the Gazette.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know the basis on which this answer has been given?

Mr. R. M. Statham: The basis is fact. It is based on fact.

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Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : If I challenge the member that there are books prescribed which are not published in the Gazette, will the member be pleased to give an answer tomorrow when the Education Demand comes for discussion?

Mr. R. M. Statham : That is a matter for the Chair.

President : That is hypothetical.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member the principle followed in the matter of prescribing the various text-books?

Mr. R. M. Statham : The answer has been given, Sir.

Mr S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know from the member whether in approving books, the Text-Book Committee have followed this principle, *viz.*, the suitability of the books?

Mr. R. M. Statham : Certainly they have.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Therefore, am I to understand, Sir, that the Text-Book Committee have not prescribed books which are not suitable or the least objectionable?

Mr. R. M. Statham : I am afraid that does not follow at all. The Text-Book Committee aprove books for various purposes *viz.*, for libraries, for class use and for teacher's use. To which of them the member refers I do not follow.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : From the list of books approved by the Text-Book Committee, may I know what principle has been followed in the matter of prescribing text-books?

Mr. R. M. Statham : The Text-Book Committee makes a list of books suitable to be prescribed as texts and the Director and Government chose from among them books which are most suitable.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the principle underlying the selection of text-books which are most suitable?

Mr. R. M. Statham : The underlying principle is to find out books which are most suitable. It is left to the judgment of the Director of Public Instruction and Government.

Appointment of a Malayalam Lecturer in the Arts College.

11. *** Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Mr. P. N. Kunjan Pillai B. A. (Hons) Sanskrit of the Annamala University, has been appointed as a Lecturer in Malayalam in H. H. The Maharaja's College of Arts ;

(*b*) whether he has undergone studies in Malayalam for any degree course, and, if so, where ;

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